

Ag Report



Milk Production Survey Procedures

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The Primary data used to determine these estimates were obtained from a sample of producers. Individual states maintain a list of all known milk producers and information on the size of their herd. Generally, all large producers and a sample of small producers are included in the survey. Estimates are prepared by using a combination of survey indications, historic trends and any available administrative data. Since all operations with dairy animals are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality

controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Milk Cows and Production, by Selected States and United States, April-June 2003 - 2004

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Production ²		Change From 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Alabama	18	17	69	66	-4.3
Arkansas	29	27	97	86	-11.3
Florida	143	139	585	611	4.4
Georgia	85	84	389	382	-1.8
Kentucky	119	110	391	373	-4.6
Louisiana	43	38	143	132	-7.7
Mississippi	31	27	118	104	-11.9
Missouri	130	124	506	496	-2.0
North Carolina	61	57	272	259	-4.8
Oklahoma	82	79	337	329	-2.4
South Carolina	19	17	87	76	-12.6
Tennessee	80	76	325	310	-4.6
Texas	320	318	1,494	1,587	6.2
United States	9,109	8,997	43,965	43,702	-0.6

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Crop Record Highs and Lows ¹

Crop	Date Series Began	Planted Acres				Harvested Acres			
		High		Low		High		Low	
		Year	Acres	Year	Acres	Year	Acres	Year	Acres
			1,000		1,000		1,000		1,000
Cotton, All	1866	1930	4,163	1983	687	1930	4,142	1983	675
Cottonseed	1866	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn, for Grain	1866	1939	3,254	1983	100	1921	3,237	1983	55
Grain Sorghum ²	1949	1985	650	1914	7.3	1985	620	1953	3
Wheat	1866	1982	1,100	1939	1	1982	950	1939	1
Soybeans	1924	1979	4,200	1924	45	1979	4,100	1928	11
Rice	1949	1981	340	1949	5	1981	337	1949	5
Hay, All	1909	---	---	---	---	1941	1,030	1909	219
Sweetpotatoes	1869	1934	103	1989	3	1934	103	1989	3
Pecans, All	1919	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Crop	Unit	Yield Per Acre				Production			
		High		Low		High		Low	
		Year	Yield	Year	Yield	Year	Prod. (1,000)	Year	Prod. (1,000)

Cotton, All ³	lbs	2003	934	1866	86	1937	2,692	1866	323
Cottonseed	tons	---	---	---	---	1937	1,177	1866	133
Corn, for Grain	bu	2003	135.0	1866	9.5	2003	71,550	1980	2,464
Grain Sorghum	bu	1999	87.0	1951	13.0	1985	39,680	1951	39
Wheat	bu	2000	55.0	1890	4.0	1982	36,100	1928	13
Soybeans	bu	2003	39.0	1930	6.5	1979	118,900	1930	78
Rice	cwt	2003	68.0	1952	23.3	1994	18,467	1949	135
Hay, All	tons	1992	2.7	1924	.9	1992	2,025	1909	262
Sweetpotatoes	cwt	2003	175.0	1924	29.0	1934	5,212	1989	285
Pecans, All	lbs	---	---	---	---	1963	30,400	1992	700

Crop	Unit	Average Price				Value of Production			
		High		Low		High		Low	
		Year	Dollars	Year	Dollars	Year	Dollars (1,000)	Year	Dollars (1,000)

Cotton, All	lbs	1980	.766	1931	.0616	1994	733,749	1932	40,230
Cottonseed	tons	1983	165.00	1931	9.23	1996	87,465	1932	7,461
Corn, for Grain	bu	1974	3.48	1895	.37	1996	200,277	1980	8,131
Grain Sorghum	bu	1996	2.97	1971	.93	1985	86,502	1951	57
Wheat	bu	1995	4.40	1895	.61	1982	108,300	1914	15
Soybeans	bu	1983	7.85	1932	1.08	1979	757,393	1932	181
Rice	cwt	1973	17.20	2002	3.85	1995	143,856	1949	540
Hay, All	tons	1992	55.00	1932	7.00	1992	111,375	1909	3,118
Sweetpotatoes	cwt	1999	21.70	1896	.73	2003	48,314	1884	1,323
Pecans, All	lbs	1992	1.51	1937	.084	1973	7,260	1920	250

¹ When record is for 2 or more years, the latest year is shown to represent record high or low.² Only planted acreage published prior to 1949.³ Production in bales.

Livestock and Poultry Record Highs and Lows ¹

Commodity	Date Series Began	Inventory			
		High		Low	
		Year	Number	Year	Number
		1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
All Cattle and Calves	1867	1975	3,100	1868	563
All Cows	1920	1975	1,584	1928	517
Beef Cows	1920	1975	1,458	1929	105
Milk Cows	1867	1945	620	2004	29
Calf Crop	1924	1974	1,320	1926	335
Hogs and Pigs	1867	1918	1,475	1991	149
Commercial Broilers ²	1935	2003	790,300	1935	50
Average Layers	1925	1970	11,466	1955	3,745
Number of Bee Colonies ³	1986	1991	28	1995	16

Commodity	Date Series Began	Annual Production			
		High		Low	
		Year	Production	Year	Production
		1,000 Pounds		1,000 Pounds	
Catfish, Foodsize ⁴	1988	2003	393,000	1988	262,885
All Cattle and Calves	1909	1974	718,650	1912	123,650
Hogs and Pigs	1909	1943	248,840	1991	54,744
Milk	1909	1953	1,592,000	2003	487,000
Commercial Broilers	1935	2003	4,188,600	1935	120
All Eggs ⁵	1925	1968	2,575,000	1934	368,000
Honey	1986	1992	1,625	1989	792

Commodity	Date Series Began	Unit	Average Price			
			High		Low	
			Year	Price	Year	Price
Dollars						
Beef Cattle	1867	cwt	2003	63.70	1933	2.10
Calves	1867	cwt	1991	97.40	1933	3.15
Hogs	1867	cwt	1982	54.70	1933	3.15
Milk	1909	cwt	1999	16.30	1932	1.25
Commercial Broilers	1935	lbs	1998	.395	1967	.121
All Eggs	1925	doz	2003	1.270	1932	.122
Market Eggs	1982	doz	1996	.729	1988	.411
Catfish, Foodsize	1975	lbs	1995	.780	1975	.491
Honey	1986	lbs	2003	1.280	1987	.420

¹ When record is for 2 or more years, the latest year is shown to represent record high or low.² Inventory is number produced during the year.³ Current series began in 1986. Includes producers with 5 or more colonies. Prior to 1986, either no data was published or data is not comparable with current series of data.⁴ Pounds sold.⁵ Production is actual number rather than pounds.

Farm Business Average Net Cash Income, by Resource Region and United States 2004 Forecasted with Comparisons

Category	Average 1998-2002	2002	Forecasted		Share of US Farm Businesses
			2003	2004	
			\$1,000 Per Farm		Percent
Farm Size					
Commercial Farms	143.5	129.6	141.6	127.9	8.7
Intermediate Farms	11.6	9.0	12.6	8.6	28.4
Rural Residence Farms	-1.4	-2.9	-2.2	-3.4	62.9
All Farm Businesses ¹	41.6	37.4	43.0	36.7	100.0
Resource Region ²					
Heartland	40.7	31.2	39.9	40.8	25.3
Northern Crescent	41.8	33.6	36.2	28.5	15.8
Northern Great Plains	47.0	48.8	61.5	44.0	6.7
Prairie Gateway	31.0	25.9	35.4	24.7	13.3
Eastern Uplands	14.8	12.1	12.1	9.1	10.3
Southern Seaboard	30.3	33.0	36.3	30.2	8.9
Fruitful Rim	84.7	77.2	73.5	64.8	12.4
Basin and Range	43.2	45.9	49.4	34.1	3.9
Mississippi Portal	42.7	56.6	83.7	79.0	3.3
Commodity Specialization					
Program Crops					
Mixed Grain	41.7	36.3	50.2	50.4	7.7
Wheat	31.9	32.0	50.6	36.3	2.6
Corn	46.3	42.6	50.8	60.8	9.5
Soybeans and Peanuts	26.8	31.7	45.1	45.4	4.2
Cotton and Rice	93.3	118.2	176.4	152.4	1.8
Non-program Crops					
Other Field Crops	26.0	23.1	24.7	21.4	13.5
Specialty Crops	104.7	106.7	78.5	82.0	9.4
Livestock					
Beef Cattle	14.7	12.1	20.2	6.8	24.8
Hogs	79.3	69.6	86.9	80.5	2.9
Poultry	70.1	36.1	35.0	36.0	4.4
Dairy	84.9	74.6	92.8	63.4	8.8
Other Livestock	6.8	-1.2	-1.2	-3.6	10.4

¹ Commercial and intermediate farms only.

² For details about these farm resource regions, go to www.ers.usda.gov/publications/aib760/aib-760.pdf.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, July 1, 2003-2004

Region	Broiler-Type			Egg-type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	1,000 Pounds		Percent
North Atlantic	11,681	12,798	110	4,945	5,313	107
East North Central	8,336	8,334	100	6,840	8,663	127
West North Central	21,839	23,538	108	7,509	8,752	117
South Atlantic	233,395	236,689	101	2,703	2,876	106
South Central	335,838	352,297	105	5,101	5,017	98
West	25,257	25,312	100	5,000	5,444	109
United States	636,346	658,968	104	32,098	36,065	112

Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, June 2003-2004

State	All Layers on Hand ¹		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000		Million		Million	
Alabama	9,620	9,430	45	37	134	134
Arkansas	15,268	15,063	89	93	189	188
Florida	10,755	11,553	217	234	10	10
Georgia	20,554	20,197	235	240	172	169
Mississippi	6,864	6,849	44	39	91	92
North Carolina	10,869	10,913	80	77	132	130
Oklahoma	4,066	4,050	43	43	32	33
South Carolina	5,314	5,274	89	85	20	20
Virginia	3,260	3,290	28	28	36	33
United States	334,789	342,133	6,028	6,200	1,077	1,072

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, June 2003-2004

State	June			January-June		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	104,576	109,310	105	611,245	653,763	107
Arkansas	109,937	113,733	103	654,555	674,291	103
Florida	4,808	4,873	101	32,942	29,200	89
Georgia	117,076	118,842	102	677,184	709,993	105
Kentucky	24,314	26,140	108	142,812	150,609	105
Mississippi	71,296	71,334	100	416,086	425,826	102
North Carolina	67,882	66,710	98	398,064	394,566	99
Texas	53,771	54,765	102	319,852	324,233	101
United States	774,679	785,844	101	4,555,707	4,663,076	102

United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, May 2003-2004

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,266	2,707	1.39	1.57	205	237
Fillets ¹	5,737	5,500	2.50	2.74	440	579
Other ²	1,319	1,248	1.54	1.78	80	134
Total Fresh	10,322	9,455	2.03	2.28	725	950
Frozen						
Whole Dressed	1,058	1,024	1.82	1.96	1,454	1,133
Fillets ¹	9,554	9,579	2.41	2.65	6,148	6,232
Other ²	4,553	4,838	1.32	1.41	3,173	3,076
Total Frozen	15,165	15,441	2.04	2.22	10,775	10,441
Total Fresh & Frozen	25,487	24,896	2.04	2.24	11,500	11,391

¹ Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

² Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2003-2004

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		(000) Pounds	
January	55,523	53,849	55,523	53,849	.529	.668	1,322	215
February	55,461	54,173	110,984	108,022	.544	.703	260	204
March	65,007	60,272	175,991	168,294	.585	.723	332	295
April	57,105	53,896	233,096	222,190	.630	.728	272	328
May	58,424	52,324	291,520	274,514	.618	.720	703	248
June	52,441	50,155	343,961	324,669	.586	.689	893	
July	54,089		398,050		.564		435	
August	54,153		452,203		.552		135	
September	51,885		504,088		.560		150	
October	57,652		561,740		.567		384	
November	51,246		612,986		.610		331	
December	48,518		661,504		.629		213	

¹ Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Mississippi Catfish County Estimates, 2002-2004 ¹

County	Total Water Surface Acres Used for Production ² Jan 1 - Jun 30		Foodsize Sales			
			Live Weight		Total Sales	
	2003	2004	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Acres		Pounds		Dollars	
District 10	5,100	5,900	17,420,000	19,580,000	9,960,000	11,600,000
Humphreys	25,300	21,300	79,406,000	72,500,000	45,450,000	41,075,000
Issaquena	1,800	---	5,408,000	---	3,120,000	----
Leflore	16,800	16,400	67,980,000	72,650,000	39,600,000	43,131,000
Sharkey	5,750	---	14,440,000	---	8,050,000	---
Sunflower	24,900	24,500	79,470,000	79,040,000	45,520,000	45,227,000
Washington	8,050	6,800	29,700,000	29,710,000	16,350,000	16,744,000
Yazoo	6,600	5,600	28,000,000	24,505,000	15,890,000	13,919,000
Other Counties		5,200		14,683,000		8,306,000
District 40	89,200	79,800	304,404,000	293,088,000	173,980,000	168,402,000
District 50	750	800	*	*	*	*
Chickasaw	950	1,050	5,160,000	5,657,000	2,540,000	3,038,000
Lowndes	2,400	2,400	10,624,000	12,470,000	5,580,000	6,865,000
Noxubee	5,750	6,300	32,095,000	36,650,000	15,900,000	20,280,000
Other Counties	4,200	4,250	*	22,961,000	*	12,412,000
District 60	13,300	14,000	³	77,738,000	³	42,595,000
Other Districts ⁴	650	500	22,297,000	2,594,000	11,560,000	1,413,000
State Total	109,000	101,000	392,000,000	393,000,000	219,520,000	224,010,000

¹ Estimates for operations with ponds in more than one county are included in the county where the farm's headquarters is located.

² Total water surface acres include acres used for broodfish, foodfish and fingerling production.

³ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

⁴ District 60 was added to Other Districts in 2002 to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

--- Included in Other Counties.

* Included in Other Districts.

Commercial Red Meat Production, by Selected States and United States
June 2004 with Comparisons

State	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	June 2004 as Percent of ²	
				June 2003	May 2004
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	2.9	2.7	2.6	88	95
Arkansas	5.2	4.7	5.4	104	115
Louisiana	1.1	1.0	1.0	91	99
Mississippi	22.5	22.4	23.8	106	106
United States	3,952.3	3,597.1 *	3,928.0	99	109

* Revised.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, July 2004 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	July 2003 Entire Month		June 2004 Entire Month		July 2004 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.17	---	2.79	---	2.42
Cotton, Upland	lb	.440	.463	.601	.605	.593	.593
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.63	---	4.58	---	4.07
Soybeans	bu	¹	5.82	¹	9.05	¹	8.21
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.89	---	3.47	---	3.31
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	5.31	---	8.69	---	8.76
All Milk	cwt	---	12.10	---	18.20	---	16.20
Fluid	cwt	---	12.10	---	18.30	---	16.20
Manufacturing	cwt	---	11.80	---	16.90	---	14.90
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	75.80	---	89.50	---	87.50
Cows	cwt	---	44.90	---	53.60	---	55.90
Calves	cwt	---	102.00	---	125.00	---	128.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	78.90	---	93.50	---	91.10
All Hogs	cwt	---	42.70	---	56.60	---	56.90
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	43.20	---	57.10	---	57.30
Sows	cwt	---	33.10	---	46.30	---	49.10
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.360	---	.520	---	.520
Market Eggs	doz	.520	.524	.480 ²	.496 ²	.370	.399

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

² Mid-month prices.